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March 6, 1997

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 976 569

Mark Hardman Larson Limestone Company 3280 North Frontage Road P.O. Box 366 Lehi, Utah 84043

Re:

Failure to Post Interim Reclamation Surety, Larson Limestone Company, Larson Limestone Company,

Limestone Quarry, M/049/011, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hardman:

On September 25, 1995, the Utah Supreme Court upheld the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining August 19, 1994 Decision, which required Larson Limestone Company to file a Large Mining Operation Notice of Intention with the Division. The Board's Order also required Larson Limestone Company to post an interim reclamation surety, if the application had not been approved within three (3) months of filing. Larson Limestone submitted a large mining permit application on August 2, 1996. On September 17, 1996, the Division sent Larson Limestone a completeness review document listing technical deficiencies that needed to be addressed before the application could be approved. To date, we have not received a response to our initial review. A large mining permit has not been approved and an interim reclamation surety has not been posted within the time frames established by the Board Order.

Larson Limestone is hereby directed to take **immediate** action to post a \$50,000 interim reclamation surety with the Division. Further, Larson Limestone is directed to submit a complete technical response to the Division's September 17, 1996, review document within 45 days of receipt of this letter. Failure to comply with this directive will constitute a willful violation of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and its interpretive rules. An operator found guilty of a willful violation of the Act can be subject to penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation.

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Accordingly, Larson Limestone is advised to immediately contact the Division to resolve this matter, or it will be turned over to our Assistant Attorney General's office for appropriate processing. Please contact me, D. Wayne Hedberg, or have your attorney contact Dan Moquin, Assistant Attorney General at (801) 538-5243, if you have questions concerning the requirements of this letter.

Very truly yours,

James W. Carter Director

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Enclosures: Board Order (operator only)

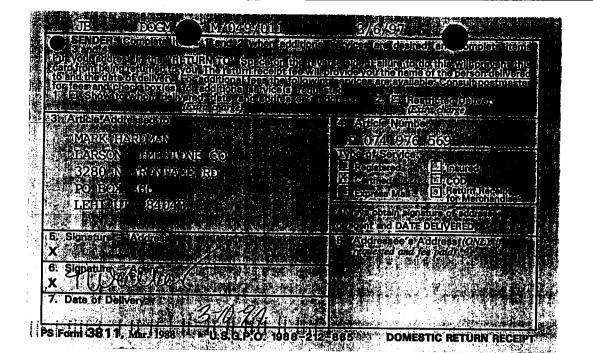
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Dan Moquin, AG's Office
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Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director, Mining

Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

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of "Mining Operation" as that term is used in Utah Code Ann. § 40-8-4(8)(b) (1988), and is not a "rock aggregate" operation as that term is used in Utah Code Ann. § 40-8-4(8)(b) (1988).

B. The Larson limestone quarry is a Large Mining Operation within the meaning of the Mined Land Reclamation Act because the surface disturbance caused by and associated with its mining operation as a whole substantially exceeds five acres.

#### ORDER

- A. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Larson Limestone shall submit a Notice of Intent for Large Mining Operations;
- B. If, within 3 months from the date of this Order, the final permit has not been approved by the Division and a reclamation surety bond submitted and approved by the Board, Larson shall submit an interim reclamation surety acceptable to the Division and Board based upon the best information then available;
- C. The Division will submit monthly reports to the Board during its regularly scheduled briefing sessions in order to keep the Board abreast of developments in this matter; and
- D. The Board retains continuing jurisdiction over this matter.
- E. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63-46b-13 (1989), any party may file a motion for reconsideration within 20 days of the issuance of this Order. Any party may also file a petition for judicial review within 30 days after the issuance of this Order

pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63-46b-14 (1989).

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 1994.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Judy F. Lever, Acting

Chairperson



### Zions First National Bank

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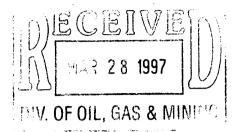
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March 28, 1997

Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining

Atten: Tony Gallegos

Re: Reclamation of Larsen Limestone \$50,000. Bond

Zions First National Bank of American Fork has on deposit \$50,000.00 to be used as security until a bond is secured to meet the above requirement. Larson Limestone is at present working to secure a \$50,000 bond through Zions Insurance. The bond should be in place prior to 05/01/97. Zions Bank will pay on demand with this letter \$50,000.00 to the Bureau of Oil, Gas, and Mining upon default or if needed for reclamation of Larsen Limestone. This letter will expire at the time the bond is issued to Larsen Limestone for the Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining.

Sincerely,

Bert Wilson Branch Manager